

The Washington Press

NILES, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL., SATURDAY, NOV. 23, 1907

OPENING OF HOTEL WESLEY

To be handicapped and stunted in its growth because of the lack of a good, up-to-date, commercial hotel with which to accommodate the visitor or the tourist who frequent our little city, has been the fate of Niles for many years. Realization is at last hers. The opening of Hotel Wesley has made Niles one of the best of towns for hotel accommodations.

Messrs. White & Sanwald, the proprietors, celebrated their opening by a banquet and grand ball, with nearly one hundred guests, last Saturday evening, Nov. 16th.

Music for the occasion was furnished by McNamara's Orchestra of Oakland, which was a real treat and added much to the enjoyment of the pleasures of the evening.

The spacious dining room, in which the guests assembled at 8:45, was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the tables being artistically arranged with geraniums and chrysanthemums, and three large red bells were suspended from the ceiling above.

The menu, the preparation of which was under Mrs. White's direct supervision, and which led many of us to wish for a "continuous opening," consisted of:

Oysters on Half Shell
Brandy Wine
Shrimp Salad
Lamb with Green Peas
Roast Chicken
Apple Sauce
Nuts Fruits Celery
Ice Cream and Assorted Cakes
Coffee

In a neat little speech, Mr. White, the senior partner of the new host-

thanked his guests for the encouragement and kind words that had been extended them, and said that they would do all in their power to maintain that confidence. He was responded to by Jackson Dennis of the Niles State Bank and Rev. Mr. Jones, pastor of the Congregational church, the trend of their speeches being that when new enterprises were brought into town that they be given all the encouragement possible, and soon we would not have to "Watch Niles Grow," for then we would be able to see it grow without watching.

After supper, tables were removed and the large dining room became the ball room. At a late hour and after many expressions of congratulations on the evening's entertainment, the guests departed, feeling they had passed a very pleasant evening and inwardly expressed themselves that their hosts knew how to cater to the public wants.

Those present were: Prof. C. Deutsh, Chicago; Mrs. R. Ralph, Berkeley; G. Cook, St. Louis; W. W. Hirsch and wife, Irvington; W. E. Summers, Decoto; Mr. and Mrs. Kellar, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mrs. K. C. Middleton and son, Harold, of Berkeley; Niles, Chas. B. Overacker and wife, Mrs. C. J. Hauema, W. H. Snyder, Mrs. M. Chalmers, P. A. Ellis and wife, S. O. Higley and wife, Mrs. Tillie Catterlin, Mrs. Julia Decker, Mrs. G. C. Emery, Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Miss Fadie, Mrs. F. Rose, B. L. Tyson, J. W. McCay, W. Youngman, Jackson Dennis, Homer W. Wood, Edw. A. Ellsworth, Rev. F. V. Jones and wife, W. H. Champion and wife, A. E. Champion, T. J. Sullivan, L. D. Garwood, Chris Runckel, Edw. Rose, H. C. Searles, C. E. Fournier and wife, J. B. Barnard and wife, E. B. Jeffries, N. M. Decker and wife, J. L. Champion and wife, Misses Gussie and Martie Champion, J. W. Burnett and wife, Jos. P. McNamara, Maie McLaughlin, Edw. B. Jordan, J. T. Champion and wife, J. Falvey, R. M. Verlet, wife and son, Wm. Reed, C. Knight, L. Dorsey, W. E. Reed, W. Jordan, Henry Bauman, O. B. Smith and wife, Mr. Stanley, Oakland.

Work on Western Pacific

There is no letup to construction work in this State and Nevada by the Western Pacific people, and there will be none until the weather becomes too bad for men and teams to be worked to advantage in the open. This is the order sent out from New York by George Jay Gould.

The contractors are employing 7,044 men, and the company 728, a total of 7,772. In addition, the contractors have 3,300 horses at work.

Within three weeks all the track will be laid from Sacramento west via Stockton to Midway, in Contra Costa county, about eighteen miles east from Oakland.

Tracklaying between Oakland and Midway will be delayed until next spring, pending the completion of the 4,287-foot tunnel in the Niles canyon.

Grading between Sacramento and Marysville is progressing rapidly, while the track is finished from Marysville to a point seven and a half miles beyond Oroville, a distance of thirty-three and one-half miles. Just as soon as a big steel bridge is completed over the middle fork of the Feather river the track will be extended nine miles further. It will probably stop there for the winter.

West of Salt Lake track has been laid 170 miles, via Shafter, where the Guggenheim road to Ely is crossed.

On the Niles canyon tunnel and those being bored in the Sierra Nevada mountain country and over in Nevada day and night shifts are constantly at work and will be kept going all winter.

Of the original \$50,000,000 bond sale of the company eighteen millions, it is understood, are still in-

tact with which to complete the main line between Salt Lake and Oakland, not later than the end of next September. Present construction expenses are said to average a million and a half a month.

Men's League Entertainment

The entertainment given by the Men's League of the Congregational church last Friday evening in the Old Fellows hall was an enjoyable affair and a great success financially, there not being seating room for all who were there to enjoy the pleasures of the evening.

The program was not long, but what it lacked in quantity was made up for in quality.

The piano solos by Miss Ames and Mrs. Graves were well received and brought out good applause. The girls Mandolin Club of the Masonic Home is always a favorite and is sure to draw a good crowd and they were the recipients of many congratulations on their music.

The Pick-a-ninies doing the cake walk around a big watermelon created considerable amusement for both young and old.

The program was concluded by a very good farce, "Proposing under Difficulties", and was well given. Messrs. Ed. Kientz and D. D. Fleming had a very serious and difficult time in their proposals to the same lady, but Mr. Kientz won out and also won the lady.

Miss Hazel Dennis, the lady much admired by both acted her part well and showed she has considerable talent in the dramatic line.

Miss Edna Sharp takes the Irish part to perfection and is at perfect ease on the stage.

It is hoped that the League will give us another performance in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinn celebrated their second wedding anniversary and Mrs. Shinn's birthday on Wednesday evening with a small dinner party.

Niles Notes

There will be special Thanksgiving services at the Congregational Church next Sunday, both morning and evening. Thanksgiving sermon in the morning and praise services in the evening. Special music at both services.

One of the prettiest and best attended dances given in Niles for a long time, was the one of last Saturday night by the young men. Over sixty couples were present and an excellent time was had. Music was furnished by an Oakland Orchestra.

Pursuant to requests from citizens of Niles, Homer W. Wood, the Niles-San Francisco attorney, announces that he will be in Niles every Saturday and may be seen at the Niles State Bank.

Mrs. Thane with the Sunday School children will take charge of the church on Sunday morning and will make them appropriate for the Thanksgiving season.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan whose home is on the Moody tract, are adding several rooms to their house which, when finished, will make the interior very attractive.

Mrs. Walpert went to Haywards, her former home, the last of the week on account of the illness of her father.

The F. Thomas Parisian Dyeing and Cleaning Works, 27 Tenth St., San Francisco, [largest on Pacific Coast,] are now prepared to appoint agents in every town in California. Applicants must give fullest particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ellis entertained a number of young people over Saturday and Sunday, who

came up from Oakland for the dance on Saturday evening.

Many Thanksgiving reunions are being planned among the homes in Niles for next week.

50,000 feet of clear pine received this week at the Robert Dollar Co.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones went to S. F. on Thursday to be present at a church dinner, and expected to return home by way of San Mateo the last of the week.

2 cars rustic at the Robert Dollar Co.

D. M. Bunker of Oakland, spent Sunday with Mrs. Chittenden.

The Union Five Hundred Club met on Monday afternoon last at the home of Mrs. Walpert. There were five tables of players who passed a pleasant afternoon together. Mrs. Hatch and Mrs. Mayhew made the scores at the game. Refreshments were served later during a social half hour. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Tilden in Niles on Monday, Dec. 2nd.

Mrs. Florence Cushman Mudge, of Redlands, is spending a few days at Belvoir.

The Ladies' Guild met on Wednesday afternoon with a large attendance, forty or more ladies being present. Final arrangements were made for the Bazaar to be given on Friday evening, Dec. 13th. Howells' farce of "The Sleeping Car," is to be given during the evening with a number of Niles' young people in the cast, which will add much to the attractiveness of the evening.

Mrs. Clough and Mrs. Higley have both been on the sick list during the week.

Miss Hazel Dennis entertained a number of friends on last Wednesday evening at a chafing dish supper which was greatly enjoyed by all present. The table presented a beautiful appearance with the handsome silverware and hand decorated china, all of the latter being the work of the young lady herself. Following the supper, there were games and dancing until the midnight hour had passed. Those present beside the family, were: Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Ames, Miss Georgie Ames, Miss Edna Sharpe, Messrs. Dudley Fleming, Edward Kintz and Harrison Snyder. Miss Hazel proved herself a charming hostess for the evening.

The Schubert Club, under the direction of Prof. Otto Fleissman, will give a concert in the Anderson Academy Gymnasium, Irvington, Friday evening, December 6th, the proceeds divided between the Club and Washington Township University Club of California. The University Club has quite a sum in hand towards a scholarship fund. Graduates from the Union High School at Centerville are to be given the benefit of this fund, and the concert should be well patronized. The entertainment will be worth more than the admission price and your patronage may be the means of helping along some poor boy or girl to acquire a good education.

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CENTERVILLE

Personal and Local Items.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bettincourt spent a portion of this week visiting relatives in Walnut creek.

Antone Rose, the young man who was killed by the train in Newark last week, was buried on Monday from the Centerville church.

Dave Lowrie, who was injured last week in a runaway accident, is resting more easily but improvement is slow.

For quick sales list your property with the Niles Realty Co.

Miss Annie Logan of Alviso District, who was operated on for appendicitis, returned home from the hospital on Tuesday.

Antone Santos, who is in the employ of Hawley & Hansen, spent a few days last week visiting friends in Stockton.

Joe Furtado and wife received on last Sunday at their residence—the Fair Cottage.

M. S. Pires was confined to his bed a few days last week with the grippe, but is now able to be out again.

The Santos family, who occupied the United States Hotel for a number of years, have moved to the Cemetery road.

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The little daughter of Dr. Willis is reported improving.

Miss Elizabeth Erritt spent the first part of the week visiting in Centerville.

Dr. A. A. Satterthwait is out of town, taking a rest and a change for the benefit of his health.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the lecture to be given in the Town Hall on Saturday night, the 23rd, under the auspices of the Country Club. This is the second in the series of three, and Mrs. Greenleaf who is to talk on the "Fate of the Emperors," is considered an eloquent and fascinating speaker. It is to be hoped that there will be a large audience present.

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Personal Mention.

Frank Clark who has been ill for the past week is much improved. Dr. Anderson has been in attendance.

Mr. Robert Cravell spent Sunday in Berkeley visiting friends.

W. Edwards who has recently returned from the East is visiting at the Ingram home.

Jay McCullough who recently purchased a merchandise store in Sunny Vale was in town last week and reports business as flourishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Witherly of Santa Cruz have moved into the Crowell house.

The Foot-ball game between Anderson academy and Fruitvale resulted in the former's victory the score being 11 to 0.

Mrs. E. P. Werner who has been in the San Jose Sanatorium for the past few weeks returned Friday much improved in health.

Skate at Maple Rink to-night.

Musical Service

A large congregation gathered on Sunday night in St. James Episcopal church, attracted by the musical service, and it is safe to say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Each singer was in good voice and the solos, duets, quartets, choruses and hymns were sung in reverent spirit and with marked effect. Rev. Mr. Lee gave a short and interesting discourse on the place music has held in church service from the earliest times. Where all was so good it is hard to discriminate regarding the numbers given. It will be seen by the program that the music was of a high order and it is hoped that this is only one of like services to follow.

Hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden," Ewing; "Gloria," Monk; Hymn, Lowry; Duet, "I Waited for the Lord," Mendelssohn; Quintett, "Hark, Hark My Soul," Shelley; Male Quartette, "Abide With Me," Emerson; Solo, "Fear Not, O Israel," Dudley Buck; Solos and Choruses from the Motet-Gallia, Gounod; Solo, "Lead Kindly Light," Hymn, Hopkins.

Miss Anderson sang the contralto solo in the quintett and Miss Ruth Houston the soprano obligato. Miss Salz was the soloist in the motet. Mr. Agard and Mr. Hunt were the gentlemen soloists. Miss Swayne and Mrs. Chandler gave the duet and Messrs. Blacon, Hunt, Agard and Archer sang the male quartett.

High School Notes

The visitors during the last few days have been, John Beard, Chester Hatch, Mr. Dale Chilson a friend of one of the pupils, Dorris Whipple Lulu Hansen and Gertrude Peterson.

Ralph Feusier and Dean Preston have returned after a short period of illness.

A game of Basket Ball between the Junior girls and the '09 boys resulted in a score of 9-8 in favor of the girls.

The invitations are out for the Thanksgiving Dance.

The classes of '10 and '11 have adopted class colors.

Although the boys of '07 have made a record in athletics at U. C. it must not be lost sight of that the girls '07 are also holding up their of athletics; for in the Basket-Ball game between the Freshmen and Senior girls Minne Hunt captained and Ruth Shinn played a position of guard.

A letter from Egie Ashman says that she and Gladys Payne former students, are enjoying their stay in Capitola.

We regret to say that Earle Burt leaves Friday for Pasadena where he will resume his studies in the high school.

Little Irene Benbow is reported as quite ill this week.

J. E. Wamsley has rented the McCullough home and expects to move in the near future.

The most genuine grief is felt at the death of Mrs. Will Durham of Chicago. Word was received Monday that she had passed away after an illness of two weeks illness of pneumonia. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss.

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Local Notes

E. A. Richmond P. M. has been compelled to remain at and in the house on account of a severe cold. Colds seem to be almost epidemic, every one has an attack in some form.

Mrs. Ralph V. Richmond of Newark spent Wednesday at the at the Nauert home.

Everybody skate at Maple rink to-night.

Beryl Farley is out and is feeling fine. She is anxious to return to her class in school but her parents think it to much for her at present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richmond Jr. made the trip to Oakland on Thursday they also stayed at Fruitvale.

Miss Katie Leang was in San Francisco on Tuesday and Wednesday, there she took the Civil Service examination for Post Office Clerk for Oakland or Alameda Co.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Hellwig went to the Alameda Sanitarium on Saturday last and on Sunday had a cataract removed from one of her eyes. She had been nearly blind for more than a year and one eye has been entirely blind for several months. She is doing fine and will be able to come home in a short time.

Helen Granger and the Logan girl have both returned and are feeling well they have to keep a little quiet for a few weeks.

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NEWARK

Various News Items

Mrs. Grebb returned on Saturday from Los Angeles. Mr. Grebb with his family, is occupying the Bonnett cottage on Wells Ave.

Mrs. John Dugan will soon remove to San Francisco for the winter.

A dance will be given on Saturday evening, Nov. 30th, at the Pavilion, the proceeds to be used for Christmas festivities for the school children. This is a good idea and is satisfactory to everybody.

The funeral of the late Antone O. Rose was held on Monday morning of this week, from the Church of the Holy Ghost in Centerville; the interment was in the Catholic Cemetery of that place.

Improvements are in progress on the Loares' tract. Mr. Williams is building a neat fence around his property, Mr. Bell will soon fence his lots and is building a tank house, and Mr. Bonnett will have work commenced for a well, next week, upon his lot.

Mrs. Henry Franch and Miss expect soon to leave for St. Louis, where they propose to remain with relatives until near spring. Mr. and Mrs. Franck, with Miss Olive, took a trip to San Francisco last Tuesday.

Our road overseer, Mr. Sayles, is to be congratulated on his work upon Elm street. Good judges say it is the best work ever done on a road here—broad, smooth, and a chance for water to run off.

Arthur Biddle received an appointment as Notary Public during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burt will remove to Pasadena next week. Mr. Burt will probably go into business with his brother-in-law, George Jones, and Earl will continue his studies in the High School of Pasadena. The family will be missed in many ways, for they have always been prominent and active in social and church work. Notwithstanding the time is so short, several little social affairs have been planned as farewells to them, by their many friends. Mrs. Walter Robie gives a small social in their honor for one evening, and they, together with Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Curry, were guests at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Seaman Monday night.

Among the machines lately arrived for use in making steel ranges at the works of Middleton and Sattler, is one for sheet steel that will bend a sheet ten feet long, at any angle required. Power shears for cutting sheet steel, power punches for punching holes in sheet steel, a peculiar power shear for cutting steel on a right angle, rolls for rolling sheet steel, and rolls for corrugating sheet steel pipe at the ends. The steel range made by this firm is of an improved pattern that entirely does away with many of the defects of previous makes. The grate can be quickly changed from a coal burner to use wood.

Mr. Sidney Johnson, came from San Francisco Saturday night to spend Sunday with his family.

Miss Bettinecourt of Haywards is visiting at the home of Mr. Joaquin Munyan, this week.

Mr. Fred Moses enjoys his drives abroad in an auto at present.

Extracts taken from an early History of Alameda Co.

The first official reference of this county was made in 1796 by the authorities in Mexico. It was noted for its richness in the necessities for an early Mission, such as water, wood, irrigable and arable land, forest, pastures, stone, lime or earth for abodes, especially along the place of the Alameda (shaded road). That "the place of the Alameda" above referred to means the country watered by the Alameda Creek there can be no doubt. The county received its name from that river, which was then and is now lined with willows and sycamores while the rest of the valley was unshaded.

COLONIZATION BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

Order of establishment of different ranches:

1835—San Ramon, 4 square leagues and 1800 varas to Jose Maria Amador.

1839—El Valle de San Jose, leagues by Gov. Alvarado to Antonio Maria Pico.

1840—Arroyo del Alameda 1,000 varas square by Gov. Vallejo to Jose Jesus Vallejo.

1839—Santa Rita, 8885 acres to Jose Dolores Pacheco.

1839—Los Positas; 2 square leagues to Salvio Pacheco.

Nearly all of the grantees had been soldiers. One foreigner only is included in the original ones, one Wm. Welsh, whose tract faced the Staits of Carquinez. Others gained land by marriage or purchase. Among these was Joseph Livermore who reached California in a whaler in 1820; gained the good will of the settlers; married Josefa Higuera; helped Amador build his house in the Amador Valley, and finally got possession of the Las Posita Rancho.

NOTES

Among those who carried on manufacturing was Jose Amador at his well known rancho in the Amador valley.

In March 1846 Col. John C. Fremont while on his way from Monterey to Oregon passed through the county camping on the hillside near the Laguna, between Pleasanton and Sunol.

In 1853 Alameda was created a separate county out of Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties, the Alameda creek being the boundary line of the two former counties. The county seat of the new county was the town of New Haven. At its birth the new county contained about 3000 people.

The county in 1857 consisted of the following places: Clinton, settled by Clinton & Chase; San Antonio settled by J. B. Larue, the site of the first saw mill where the redwoods were whip-sawed; San Leandro was only the home of the Estudillos; San Lorenzo an Indian rancheria; Hayward the residence of G. Castro; Mt. Eden was a wilderness; Centerville had a few new settlers and John M. Horner alone inhabited the "Corners," New Haven was the Mission embarkadero without a house; Amador was alone in his broad acres; Sunol was alone in the valley named after him; Augustine Bernal had removed from San Jose and settled at Alisal in 1850, and held half the county divided between himself, Livermore, Noriega, Francisco Alviso and Amador.

In 1852 Michael Murray had appeared at Amador, and with him the Fallons and others among whom were J. W. Dougherty, John Scarlett and Wm. Glasskin. J. West Martin, the Kapp brothers and John English had commenced to cultivate the rich soil of the Santa Rita Rancho.

J. W. Kottinger had laid the foundation of Alisal at this time.

In these years barley brought 12 1-2 cents per lb. but squirrels, blackbirds, and \$4 per day labor, left little for the farmer. In 1852 fortunes were made in potatoes, the yield being about \$1000 per acre. Wheat was the staple of 1853. As high as 75 bu. per acre were produced and was worth 8 1-2 cents per lb.

The first regular term of the Court of Sessions was held in the town of Alvarado in June 1853.

The county was divided in six townships as follows: Oakland, Contra Costa, Clinton, Eden, Washington and Murray.

One of the first duties attended to was the making of the road, passing through the Amador valley from Mission San Jose to Stockton, a public highway.

As early as 1851, Ferries were used between San Antonio Creek and San Francisco. The fare was \$1.00.

In 1854 a vote of the different towns was taken in view of changing the county seat from Alvarado to San Leandro. J. W. Kottinger's gave a vote of 92 for Alvarado and 18 for San Leandro. San Leandro however won by a vote of 1301 to 1067 in the total vote of the county. At this time there were but two precincts in Murray township, one at the Mt. House, the other at Pleasanton.

J. W. Dougherty of Murray township was elected in 1855 chairman of the first Board of Supervisors.

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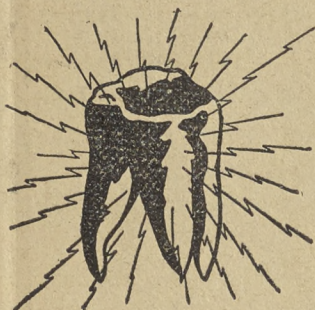
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Personal and other Items

Mrs. Mary Hayes, a former resident of Decoto, but now of Pomo, is being entertained by the Ed Whipple family.

Master Delbert Ibberson was absent from school several days on account of illness.

The Ladies' Guild held an enjoyable meeting at the residence of Mrs. E. Decoto on Wednesday of last week.

Manuel Avilla took a leave of absence from his clerkship duties on Thursday and Friday and spent the time with his mother in San Mateo.

Mrs. Isma French came up from Santa Barbara on Tuesday evening for a visit of a fortnight with her children, Ismena and Ferdinand.

Mrs. H. Postlewaite had as her guests on Tuesday Mr. and Miss McMann, of Oakland.

The Ladies' of Decoto Guild will hold their annual bazaar at the home of Mrs. Edward Whipple of Decoto, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 6th, from 2 to 5 o'clock, with a Colonial dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Crane entertained at a dinner on Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jerome of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Scott of Oakland. After dinner the party went for a long ride in Mr. Scott's fine new motor car, a White Seamer.

Mrs. Daniel Jackson expects to return home in a day or two from Sacramento, where she has been in constant attendance on a sister who has been very seriously ill with pneumonia, but now, happily, is convalescing.

The Senior five hundred club met with Mr. and Mrs. Will Anderson on Saturday evening. A delightful evening was spent and after a bountiful repast, the prizes were assigned to Mrs. F. W. Meyer and Mr. Henry May.

Miss Clara Jackson returned to Sacramento on Thursday to be there in time to rest for her piano recitals which takes place tonight. Miss Jackson is a finished musician with a rare insight to the real poetry and beauty of the great compositions.

Miss Helen Crane is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Washburn in San Francisco.

Tony Luna returns home tomorrow from Fabiola Hospital where he was operated on for appendicitis by Doctor I. R. Aiken of Oakland. Miss Minnie Mello who underwent the same operation at the same hospital, also by Dr. Aiken, will be home in a few days well and strong.

Little Gertrude Silva is dangerously ill with typhoid fever, her temperature at times over 116. It is hoped she may have strength to outlast the high fever. Her sister Ollie died of the same dread disease two weeks ago at the Alameda Sanitarium. Dr. Aiken is in charge of the case and nurses from Fabiola Hospital are kept busy night and day guarding the little patient.

A gang of 22 men are employed by the Western Pacific, constructing bridges, one midway between Niles and Decoto and the other below the dairy.

The Public school was closed on Friday noon, the 15th inst, and will remain closed all this week while the rooms are being thoroughly fumigated. Early in the week, one of the pupils, Frances Kelley, who lives about a mile out of town, was taken sick and it was not until the following Friday that the case known to be scarlet fever. As some of the members of the family attended school during the illness of their sister, the authorities deemed it advisable to take the above precaution. So far the patient is doing well and no new cases reported. The teachers have taken advantage of the holidays and Miss Ingalls has gone to San Jose, Miss Cocke-fair to Berkeley and Mr. Walton on a hunting and fishing trip.

Calderia-Brown

A wedding which united two of our young people was solemnized at the Catholic church in Centerville, at 10:30 on Wednesday morning, when Miss Nora Brown became the bride of John Calderia. After the ceremony the newly wedded pair drove to the home of the bride where a dinner was served to the wedding party and intimate friends.

Late in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Calderia left on the train for Oakland where they will remain for a few days, then go to their future home in Redwood City where the groom is in business.

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Many of our farmers in the hills have already sown much grain and with another good rain the rest of the hill crop will go in rapidly.

Mayor Taylor has suddenly loomed up to be a big man. When a man after election says: "The unions are here to stay, and I shall not betray the union men who believed in me and voted for me," he shows himself a big, brave, broad-minded man.

The merger of the Oakland Herald and the Oakland Enquirer last week seems to be a good move as Oakland really does not need more than two evening papers. The Enquirer has the best editorial page of all the evening papers but lacks a good general news service. If this feature were supplied the Enquirer would undoubtedly forge to the front rapidly.

A Good Sign

There is a saying that "A statesman leads the people, a politician follows them." It is a gratifying sign to note that at the annual banquet tendered by the Republican County Central Committee held in Oakland last Saturday night, that Congressman Knowland should fearlessly and without equivocation commit himself to the principles of civic righteousness as represented by President Roosevelt. There is no mistaking the meaning of these

words: "I expect my public duties will demand my presence in Washington when the district convention convenes, but I want to avail myself of this opportunity of expressing the earnest wish that the convention will not only strongly indorse the Roosevelt policies, but it will go even farther and PLEDGE ITS DELEGATES TO CAST THEIR VOTES for a CANDIDATE and such a candidate ONLY, for the highest office in the gift of the American people whose affiliations and public service give assurance that no influence or influences will swerve him, if elected, from continuing the policies of the present administration, policies which demand a compliance of the law by rich and poor alike and which are indorsed by the American people." We like that kind of straightforward talk and Knowland has greatly strengthened his position by it. Senator Perkins was not so frank but committed himself as usual to nothing except that he believed Roosevelt would not accept a third term. Geo. W. Reed spoke in the most laudatory language of the present administration and being the chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, it is a healthy indication and a wise move as well. It means that so far as the coming campaign in Alameda county is concerned there will be no chance for a fight over the policies of the present national administration. In fact we expect to see both the County Organization and the Lincoln-Roosevelt League vying with each other in their fervid expressions of zeal in the Roosevelt cause. It is a good sign. It shows the irresistible power that a great, earnest man can wield when he seeks to serve the people.

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The Worst is Over
 The financial situation this week is extremely encouraging. The session of the State legislature will afford immediate relief in the State and the action of the National administration in issuing \$50,000,000 Panama canal bonds which sooner or later would have to be issued any way and the issuance of \$100,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness have had a striking effect upon the situation. President Roosevelt has met the occasion as we all expected he would in just the right way. We print in full his appeal to the American people to be themselves the restorers of confidence. The letter should be read in full and then re-read. It fits the situation exactly. We firmly believe the worst is over and that everything portends a bright Christmas season.

The President's letter to Secretary Cortelyou follows:

"The White House, Washington, November 17, 1907.

"My dear Mr. Cortelyou: I have considered your proposal. I approve the issue of the fifty millions of Panama bonds which will be immediately available as the basis for additional currency. I also approve the issue of \$100,000,000, or so much as you may find necessary of \$50 3 per cent interest bearing Government notes, the proceeds of the sale of which can be at once deposited by you where the greatest need exists, and especially in the West and South, where the crops have to be moved. I have assurance that the leaders of Congress are considering a CURRENCY BILL which will meet in PERMANENT fashion the needs of the situation, and which I believe will be passed at an early date after Congress convenes two weeks hence.

APPEAL TO PEOPLE.

"What is most needed just now is that our citizens should realize how fundamentally sound business conditions in this country are, and how absurd it

is to permit themselves to get into a panic and create a stringency by hoarding their savings instead of trusting perfectly sound banks. There is no particle of risk involved in letting business take its natural course and the people can help themselves and the country most by putting back into active circulation the money they are hoarding.

"The banks and trust companies are solvent. There is MORE CURRENCY IN THE COUNTRY TO-DAY THAN THERE WAS A MONTH AGO, WHEN THE SUPPLY WAS AMPLE. Since then \$55,000,000 in gold has been imported and the Government has deposited already \$60,000,000.

These are facts; and I appeal to the public to co-operate with us in restoring normal business conditions.

"The Government will see that the people do not suffer if only the people themselves will act in a normal way. Crops are good and business conditions are sound, and we should put the money we have into circulation at once to meet the needs of our abounding prosperity.

"There is no analogy at all with the way things were in 1893. On November 30th of that year there was in the treasury but \$161,000,000 in gold. On November 14th of this year there was in the treasury \$904,000,000 in gold. Ten years ago the circulation per capita was \$23.23. It is now \$33.23.

"The steps that you now take, the ability of the Government to back them up, and the fact that not a particle of risk is involved therein, give the fullest guarantees of the sound conditions of our people and the sound conditions of our treasury.

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 The following named have recommended the granting of the said license, viz: Theo. Bergmann, Dr. Theo. A. Nichols, J. E. Rogers, Stephen Murphy, E. W. Steinmetz, William Rose, E. Fasher, Joseph Sunderer.
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 ROBERT B. CROWELL,
 Administrator of the estate of Heman Crowell, deceased.
 Dated, Oakland, Oct. 9th 1907.

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 The following named have recommended the granting of the said license, viz: Henry May, E. Decoto, J. L. Olson, H. P. Postlethwaite, Thomas Ibberson, M. I. Pimental, Frank J. Caldeira, J. H. Smith.
 JOHN P. COOK, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Dated Oakland, Cal. Nov. 4, 1907.

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 The following named have recommended the granting of the said license, viz: August May, John Quigley, Wm. Jung, Seb Franz, H. Henriksen, F. B. Granger.
 JOHN P. COOK, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Dated Oakland, Cal. Nov. 4, 1907.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
 In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California;
 In the matter of the Estate of Luiza Souza deceased.
 Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of Luiza Souza deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four [4] months after the first publication of the notice to the said executor at the office of Jno G. Mattos Jr. in Centerville, Alameda County, California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Luiza Souza deceased.
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